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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE to all club members

MANY CLUBS are at present licensed to serve liquor, and further licences will soon be granted. However, it is perhaps not generally realised by members that after the coming Liquor Referendum their clubs will be required by law to observe the same trading hours as hotels.

The Referendum provides for either 6 p.m., 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. closing. Whatever hour is carried will be the new closing time for club bars and lounges, irrespective of existing privileges. No member who has enjoyed the benefits of reasonable trading hours, and has compared them with conditions existing in N.S.W. hotel bars to-day, would

willingly see 6 o'clock closing imposed on his own club. Nor would he agree that the general public should be forced to put up with the intolerable, rushed, crowded and uncomfortable conditions brought about by 6 o'clock closing in our hotel bars.

Ten o'clock closing will result in comfortable, pleasant and convenient facilities for all people who enjoy a drink, and will encourage moderation by the provision of amenities conducive to leisurely drinking. In the interests of reasonable and moderate drinking conditions, 10 O'CLOCK must be the new closing hour.



This aerial photo shows Sydney's playground for all major land sports, apart from Turf. The lower circle shows Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2; the centre (or main) ground with a Test match in progress; while at the top the Royal Show Ground is shown, together with portions of the Speedway Track.

THE CLUB MAN'S DIARY

BRIGADIER F. O. CHILTON, D.S.O., has been appointed Controller of Joint Intelligence in the Defence Dept. He was awarded the D.S.O. and Bar in World War II. He is a solicitor by profession, and graduated from Sydney University with the Degrees of L.L.B., with first-class honours, and B.A. We congratulate club member Chilton.

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AMERICAN humourist, Norman Anthony, tells in his latest book, "How To Grow Old Disgracefully," of a friend, Frank Sullivan, a writer, whose favourite anecdote was about a drunk who went to see a doctor. When the medico asked him if he vomited in the morning when he got up, the drunk looked surprised and said: "Hell, yes, doesn't everybody?"

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WHAT is troubling, and puzzling, a good many people was expressed in a letter to "The Bulletin": "When I lobbied on these shores 40 years ago I brought with me £100 and was shocked to find that during the voyage its purchasing power had shrunk to £50. One of my first investments was in an endowment insurance policy, payable in 20 years. In due time I realised the cash, and, simultaneously, the fact that its purchasing power had shrunk to £50 during the currency of the policy. Nothing daunted, I again insured for a similar sum and period. Once more I have realised the cash and the shrinkage, plus the further fact that if I bank the money it will continue to shrink in real value at an increasing rate. Thirty years ago I bought a house for £800. I could sell it to-day for the same sum, but the cash would have less than half its purchasing power when first invested. If put in cold storage it would continue to shrink in real value faster and faster the longer it was stored.

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IT cost the late Bill Douglass something to run racehorses, but he had the money, and he was indulging a hobby in its expenditure. That's the way to live. Probably

Bill would have acknowledged at the end that the enjoyment he got out of racing was cheap at the price. He was scarcely hail-fellowish, but those who shared his friendship rated him highly.

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AS Tranquil Star, a chestnut, has been mated with Dhوتي, a chestnut, Richard Cobden, part-owner of the dam is hoping that a chestnut foal will result. A. Loddon Yulle, keeper of the Stud Book, said: "It is almost a golden rule that a

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER.

7th J. A. Portus	26th R. R. Coote
14th Chas. Salon	27th L. C. Noakes
15th F. D. Foskey	29th W. H. Davies
17th H. L. Carter	30th H. (Barney) Fay

DECEMBER.

2nd E. C. Murray	21st Geo. Langley
7th F. Z. Eager	24th A. D. Swan
8th N. G. Morris	25th W. Sherman
10th A. J. McDowell	26th Jack Blume
F. J. Shephard	28th M. Gearin
12th W. Gourley	Dr. A. S. Reading
13th E. S. Pratt	29th E. J. Hazell
17th E. O. Crowhurst	30th C. S. Brice
19th J. T. Jennings	31st Jack Davis
20th E. W. King	

chestnut foal would be a product of the mating stated. Once in America it didn't happen, but the exception was not regarded as dinkum. In the case of a grey, the sire or the dam would have been grey, as a general rule."

OBITUARY.

The sympathies of members goes out to the relatives of our late associates in the persons of Judge O'Mara, who for many years was recognised as an authority on Industrial Laws, A. S. Snowball and S. J. Guss. All were regulars in our club life and their passing leaves a void.

broke records with 16 pups, all alive and vigorous. Unfortunately, "the father of the pups took one look at them and was then seen dimly through a cloud of dust—but has not been seen since!"

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WE regret to record the following deaths: Mr. Justice Thomas O'Mara, 12.10.46 (elected to this club, 23.4.28); William Douglass, 23.10.46 (elected 17/2/08); Arthur Edward Snowball, 23.10.46 (elected 29.6.42).

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THERE are many appeals for finance to-day, but worth remembering is the Big Brother Movement, Endeavour House, Macquarie Street, Sydney. In 1925, after actuarial investigations, the Australian Government recorded that the value to Australia of a youth of leaving school age was £1,300. By now this figure should surely be £1,500 or more. If 500 youths a year are brought out, then the Movement is providing assets worth £750,000 a year. It is proposed, at first, to recruit youths aged from 16 to 18 years and the first groups brought out will be for employment in primary industries where there is a shortage of labour and no housing difficulties exist. Later groups for absorption in secondary industries will be recruited. The policy of the Movement is to bring out youths just entering the working age. At this period they are self-supporting and a live asset to Australia.

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A MEMBER says: "Those of our members who made the trip to the Cup saw so many from Sydney so often that it was a shame more of us didn't take the tip and back the Sydney horse—the right one, I mean."

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MEMBERS were impressed with the race that Russia made of the Cup, but more so with the riding of Munro. Definitely, they say, Darby must now be classed among Australia's greatest jockeys of all-time—or as far back as they can recall, which, in some instances, is a long time back.

SAD story of a mother left as the sole support of her 16 babies is told by the "Gosford Times." "Freckles," a dog owned by Mr. K. A. Williams of Mangrove Mountain,

Editorial

Summer Sport

THIS ISSUE REFLECTS pictorially the resurgence of summer sport on a scale familiar to the pre-war setting. It is not sufficient only to make the most of a programme so big and attractive. The best should be made of it in terms of real sportsmanship.

Happily, Australia was practically untouched by war territorially, but the games were played against a background of anxiety and, unfortunately, in some departments, with the true spirit of sport lacking—probably because of that anxiety. We took our pastimes too seriously; too grimly, by and large.

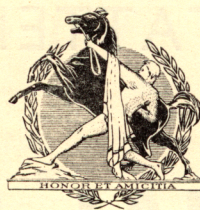
But, since the clouds have rolled by, our hope is that we will not be burdened by a carry-over of the causes contributing to discord. If we have not the right sense of the right things as a starting point, the rest may be forfeited as futile.

Crowds, as well as players, must recover the art of losing gracefully, and realise that the unwritten laws of sport must also be guiding principles—for all that denotes sportsmanship cannot be contained in a rule book.

Chief attraction in the programme of summer sport will be the cricket games in which our kinsmen, the English, will take part.

We wish them, as players, the measure of success that their quality merits, and, as our guests, we wish them an enjoyable tour.

If plans mature, there will be visitors from overseas in other spheres of sport. They, too, will be assured of a hearty reception—one fully worthy of the common bond we share in sport.



TATTERSALL'S CLUB SYDNEY

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TATTERSALL'S CLUB

SYDNEY

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

(RANDWICK RACECOURSE)

Entries for the following races will be received by the Secretary of Tattersall's Club only, subject to the Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force and by which the nominator agrees to be bound.

First Day—

Saturday, 28th December, 1946

THE CARRINGTON STAKES

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SIX FURLONGS.

Second Day—

Wednesday, 1st January, 1947

TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £15 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1946, with £1,500 added, and a cup valued at £100. Second horse £300 and third horse £150 from the prize. The winner of The Villiers Stakes, The Summer Cup or The Carrington Stakes, 1946, to carry such penalty, if any, not exceeding 10lbs., as the Handicapper may impose and declare; such declaration to be made not later than 7 p.m. on Saturday, 28th December, 1946. (No allowances for Apprentices.)

ONE MILE AND A HALF.

ENTRIES to be made with the Secretary, Tattersall's Club, Sydney, only, before 3 p.m. on **MONDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1946.**

NOMINATIONS shall be subject to the Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force and by which the nominator agrees to be bound.

WEIGHTS to be declared at 10 a.m. on **MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1946.**

ACCEPTANCES are due with the Secretary, Tattersall's Club, Sydney, ONLY, before 8.30 p.m. on **THURSDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1946.**

The Committee reserves to itself the right to reject, after acceptance time, all or any of the entries of the lower weighted horses accepting in any race in excess of the number of horses which would run in such a race without a division. The horses on the same weight to be selected for rejection by lot.

In the case of horses engaged in more than one race on the same day when such races are affected by the condition of elimination, a horse if an acceptor for more than one race, shall be permitted to start in one race only. The qualification to start to be determined in the order of the races on the advertised programme.

The Committee reserves the power from time to time to alter the date of running, to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the sequence of the races and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, to vary the distance of any race and to change the venue of the meeting; and in the event of the Outer Course being used, races will be run at "ABOUT" the distances advertised.

The Committee also reserves to itself the right in connection with any of the above races, should the conditions existing warrant it, to reduce the amount of the prize money, forfeits and sweepstakes advertised, and to cancel the meeting should the necessity arise.

157 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

T. T. MANNING,
Secretary.

Entries for Minor Events close at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 1946

TOAST : MR. ALEC WILLIAMS

Nearly 60 Years in Turf

ALEC WILLIAMS, of the famous turf firm of Hackett and Williams, joined our club on April 10, 1911, and has since enjoyed the popularity which goes hand in hand with a true blue sportman.

Born in Geelong, Victoria, Alec, in due course, migrated to

rolled on a partnership was suggested and entered into with enthusiasm by the two friends.

The association of the pair lasted over half a century—until Jim Hackett passed away.

Alec took out his bookmaker's license the same year that he joined our club, 1911. Just be-

most promising prad from Midstream. The newcomer was registered as Betwixt and great hopes were held for future successes. However, while spelling, Betwixt got entangled in some fencing and, as far as Alec was concerned, finished his racing career. He made a presentation of the prad to a trainer friend who considers there is just a chance the steed may be put into training in the distant future.

If Betwixt can ever lead a field home none will cheer more loudly than the man who gave it away.

Biggest win the "Old Firm" went for was on Concentrate in a Melbourne Cup when Alec and his partner stood to collect £36,000. They also had Jacko and Topical bracketed for £40,000. Alec also tells how backers got busy on the Hackett & Williams book on Phar Lap in 1930 when the champion won the Melbourne Cup. The race cost them £16,000 and they lost an enormous sum the year Maple and Statesman won the Caulfield and Melbourne Cup double and again when Amounis and Phar Lap won.

The "big chap" was a costly proposition to Alec and Jim but, Alec says, they always bet to figures even if sometimes it got them into a lot of bother.

It is worth noting that the firm is still Hackett & Williams—Jim and Ken—who are sons of the originals.

Alec has seen his quota of Melbourne Cups starting with Dunlop's victory in 1887. The same applies to all the classics run throughout the Commonwealth. Also the various picnic meetings, Bong Bong, Yass, Southern Districts and the like.

These times, with the whole family, three sons and two daughters, married, Alec spends more than a modicum of time at his Strathfield home and his visits to the club are not as frequent as of yore. More's the pity as fellow members are ever ready with the hand of welcome.



MR. ALEC WILLIAMS.

Bourke where he entered into the employ of the late Jim Hackett who was established in business in the Far West town.

An early confidence sprang up between the pair and while Alec managed the hairdressing section his chief specialised on his Commission department.

Everything moved smoothly and when Jim Hackett decided he had sufficient of this world's goods to make his presence felt in Sydney he sold up and brought Alec Williams with him.

In those days, Williams was clerk to Jim, but as the years

fore the war he retired and his son Ken now carries on in his stead.

During his long association with the turf Alec has raced some of the best steeds in the country.

He quotes Jacko, winner of a Doncaster; Foxy, who won three Flying Handicaps at Canterbury, and Chester, another Randwick winner, as among the tops.

Alec recalls how he backed Jacko for a fortune in a Newmarket and was beaten by half a head.

He also owned Quizzical, a full sister to Jacko, who produced a

Roundabout of Australian Sport

The Demon Who Bowled Bradman

His medical name is Fibrositis, but his common, or garden-variety alias is Muscular Rheumatism.

IN A BRILLIANT ARTICLE in the "Daily Telegraph," covering the career of Don Bradman, Sydney H. Deamer referred to the great cricketer's ills—fibrositis, in particular, and gastritis. Deamer writes of his recent meeting with Bradman in Adelaide:

When I saw him he looked a little bit peaked and off colour. He was recovering from gastritis, and had retarded his recovery by attending a Board of Control meeting in Sydney when he was not well enough to travel. But his slight build and a lifelong regard for his physical condition enable him to keep fit fairly easily—or would do but for that wretched fibrositis, which afflicts him. It strikes him in the muscles of the back like a paralysing blow, and can be excruciatingly painful.

Last March he suffered nearly six weeks of incessant pain from it. To a man used to being fit and nimble this is a testing type of trouble to get. He never knows when it will strike, and it destroys his physical confidence. He has to be on his guard. Experience had taught him, he explained, that overwork, worry, or generally feeling off colour

will bring on or aggravate the fibrositis. And it is a greater handicap to one who, like Bradman, keeps fit through sport, and is so capable at any sport he takes up.

It is impossible to say definitely whether years of cricket or a too-enthusiastic entry into the over-strenuous Army course for physical-training instructors brought about the fibrositis. Bradman was 31 when he undertook it—and it was qualified to discover weaknesses in much younger men than that. The probabilities are that Bradman had suffered "twinges" before this course, without feeling any alarm, and that the trouble was aggravated by the training. Athletes often suffer from delusion that the best way to shake off "stiffness" is to hop into some tough physical exercise. At any rate, Bradman emerged from the course a definite fibrositis victim, and was discharged from the Army because of it. Medical men cannot give any assurance that it will not recur, and if he plays in the Tests he will have to take that risk.

The question is why, with this uncertainty and danger of re-starting a painful physical dis-

ability, Bradman should want to continue with cricket? One answer is that he likes cricket, and would love to play once more in what is called Big Cricket.

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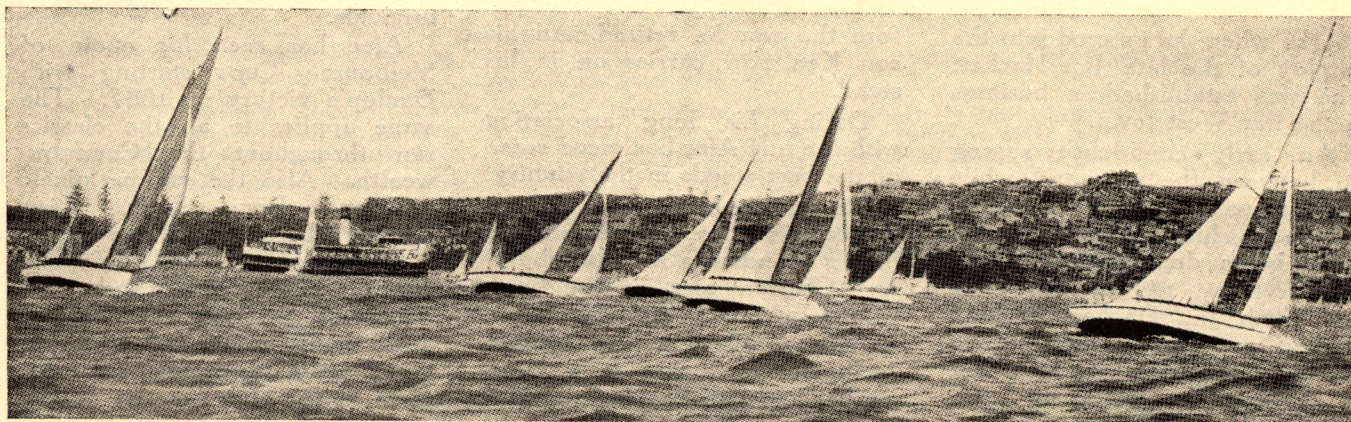
The cricket fever has hit us properly and memories are being rapped for old data. Throughout these pages various outstanding performances are quoted. They may help in "Quiz" sessions when members start on the "I remember" racket.

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Australia and England have met in 143 Test cricket matches. Australia has won 57, England 55 and 31 have been drawn.

Tennis enthusiasts should note the following dates for major tournaments.
Victorian Championships
 Nov. 27 to Dec. 1; **Davis Cup Final (Melbourne)**
 Dec. 26, 27 and 28; **South Aust. titles (Adelaide)** Jan. 5-12; **Aust. Championships (Sydney)** Jan. 14-27.

In the local tennis world popular pick for Australia's Davis Cup team is John Bromwich and Dinny Pails with Geoff Brown or Colin Long.



Any Summer Week-end scene on Sydney Harbour with the whitewings bending before the breeze. Watson's Bay and Vaucluse are shown in the background.

Attendance at greyhound racing meetings in New South Wales in the 12 months up to June 30 last totalled more than one million persons, Chief Secretary Baddeley reported. For prize-money, he said, £20,000 was given by the two metropolitan clubs and £100,000 by 32 country clubs, including Newcastle. Nine hundred persons were employed in the pastime, which used 11,000 racing dogs.

W. ("Bill") O'Reilly, who has just retired from first class cricket, played from 1927 to 1948. In his career he bowled 37,246 balls to batsmen (in all countries) and secured 774 wickets averaging 16.60. Test figures were: v. England 102 costing 25.36 each; v. Sth. Africa 34 at 18.64; v. N.Z. 8 at 4.12.

Walter Hammond, Captain of the English Test XI has played in 80 Test Matches against Australia, South Africa, West Indies, New Zealand and India. He has scored 7002 runs averaging 60.88 per innings. Against Australia the figures are 2684 and 57.10.

Surf Thrill!



An every-day scene on any of Sydney's fourteen surf beaches. Surfboard riders hold sway.

During his recent tour of the British Isles, Australian golfer Norman von Nida was offered 10 appointments to act as professional to English clubs. All were turned down by "Von" who is determined to return to England next season for the British Open. He was well satisfied with results of his first efforts.

Sportsmen and boxing enthusiasts in particular will welcome the move in England to bring into being a board of boxing control to govern Empire title bouts. Present British Boxing Board, through secretary C. I. Donmall, made it clear, during October, that aim is to make Empire titles second only to world championships. Properly constituted bodies in all dominations is the aim and so soon as that is achieved, said Mr. Donmall, Empire title fights can be staged anywhere. England, he added, does not want the lot or any to which she is not entitled. Seems as though the Vic. Patrick v. Ron James clash has brought matters to a head.

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FIRST DAY : SATURDAY, 28th DEC., 1946

NOVICE HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £500 added. Second horse £100, and third horse £50 from the prize. For horses which have never, at time of starting, won a flat race (Maiden Race excepted) of the value to the winner of more than £50; provided that a winner of a race or races for two-year-old horses not exceeding in the aggregate £750 in value to the winner shall be eligible to compete. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. SEVEN FURLONGS.

JUVENILE STAKES.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. For two-year-olds. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. FIVE FURLONGS.

THE CARRINGTON STAKES.

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ENCOURAGE HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. For horses which have never, at time of starting, won a flat race (Maiden and Novice Races excepted) of the value to the winner of more than £75; provided that a winner of a race or races for two-year-old horses not exceeding in the aggregate £750 in value to the winner shall be eligible to compete. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. ONE MILE.

PACE WELTER.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. 7lb. ONE MILE.

DENMAN HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £7 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £700 added. Second horse £140, and third horse £70 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.

SECOND DAY : WEDNESDAY, 1st JAN., 1947

NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 30th December, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. For three-year-olds at time of starting. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. SEVEN FURLONGS.

NURSERY HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 30th December, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. For two-year-olds. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. FIVE FURLONGS.

HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £7 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 30th December, 1946; with £700 added. Second horse £140, and third horse £70 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 8st. SIX FURLONGS.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £15 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £1,500 added, and a Cup valued at £100. Second horse £300, and third horse £150 from the prize. The winner of The Villiers Stakes, The Summer Cup or The Carrington Stakes, 1946, to carry such penalty, if any, not exceeding 10lb., as the Handicapper may impose and declare. Such declaration to be made not later than 7 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, 28th December, 1946. (No allowances for Apprentices.) (Entries close at 3 p.m. on Monday, 25th November, 1946.) ONE MILE AND A HALF.

TRIAL HANDICAP.

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ALFRED HILL HANDICAP.

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WEIGHTS to be declared as follows:—For the Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup at 10 a.m., Monday, 9th December, 1946; for Minor Events, First Day at 7 o'clock p.m., Thursday, 26th December, 1946; and for Minor Events, Second Day, at 8 o'clock p.m., Saturday, 28th December, 1946.

ACCEPTANCES are due with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club only as follows: For all races on the First Day and Tattersall's Club Cup before 8.30 o'clock p.m., Thursday, 26th December, 1946, and for all Races on the Second Day (Tattersall's Club Cup excepted) before 12.30 o'clock p.m., Monday, 30th December, 1946.

PENALTIES: In all races (The Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup excepted) a penalty on the following scale shall be carried by the winner of a handicap flat race after the declaration of weights, viz.: when the value of the prize to the winner is £50 or under, 3lb.; over £50 and not more than £100, 5lb.; over £100, 7lb.

The Committee reserves to itself the right to reject, after acceptance time, all or any of the entries of the lower weighted horses accepting in any race in excess of the number of horses which would be run in such a race without a division. The horses on the same weight to be selected for rejection by lot.

In the case of horses engaged in more than one race on the same day, when such races are affected by the conditions of elimination, a horse if an acceptor for more than one race, shall be permitted to start in one race only. The qualification to start to be determined in the order of the races on the advertised programme.

The Committee reserves the power from time to time to alter the date of running, to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the sequence of the races, and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, to vary the distance of any race and to change the venue of the meeting, and in the event of the Outer Course being used, races will be run at "About" the distances advertised.

The Committee also reserves to itself the right in connection with any of the above Races, should the conditions existing warrant it, to reduce the amount of the prize money, forfeits and sweepstakes advertised, and to cancel the meeting should the necessity arise.

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T. T. MANNING,
Secretary.

Entries for Minor Events close at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 16th, 1946

There have been many big prize winners on the Australian turf. Below will be found the tops on the list.

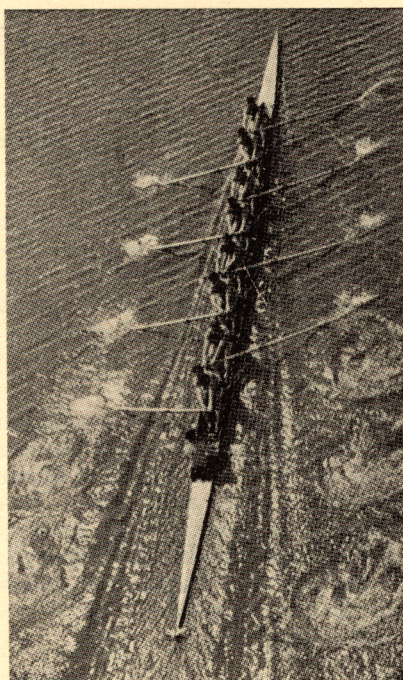
Australia and N.Z.

	£	s.	d.
Phar Lap	66,738	0	0
Amounis	48,297	10	0
Gloaming	43,100	0	0
Ajax	40,275	0	0
Limerick	38,729	10	0
Heroic	38,062	10	0
Eurythmic	36,891	0	0
Windbag	35,939	0	0
High Caste	35,678	0	0
Peter Pan	34,938	0	0
Nightmarch	32,116	10	0
David	31,410	10	0
Mollison	30,829	0	0
Carbine	29,626	0	0
Bernborough	25,504	0	0

Other Countries

	£	s.	d.
Whirlaway (U.S.A.)	112,182	0	0
Sea Biscuit (U.S.A.)	87,546	0	0
Sun Beau (U.S.A.)	78,488	0	0
War Admiral (U.S.A.)	68,300	0	0
Gallant Fox (U.S.A.)	68,273	0	0
Equipoise (U.S.A.)	67,772	0	0
Ksar (U.S.A.)	67,608	0	0
Mate (U.S.A.)	60,280	0	0
Zev (U.S.A.)	60,215	0	0
Isinglass (Eng.)	58,255	0	0
Donovan (Eng.)	55,443	0	0
Top Flight (U.S.A.)	55,000	0	0
Man O' War (U.S.A.)	49,893	0	0
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Ill-health has forced Jim Carroll to turn in his A.B.C. (Melbourne) job of racing commentator; and nobody could have broadcast as Jim did for very long unless his health was extra sound (writes "The Bulletin"). From go to whoa in a race he described what he was looking at as excitedly as if the event—which might have been a muddling-run distance handicap or a no-hopers' novice—was a meeting of the champions of all time. As they turned for home, Jim's excitement, which had seemed at its top already, rose higher still, until, as they neared the post, he



Rowing is a game taking its place in aquatics. Picture shows an unusual snap of the pre-war N.S.W. Eight winning the last King's Cup. Taken from Nepean Bridge, looking down.

sounded as if he'd burst the microphone, or certainly burst something, at any moment; and it didn't matter much whether the winner got there by a head or half a dozen lengths.

No matter what won, Jim's getting the winner home sounded like a personal triumph; as if he owned it, had trained it; had backed it and ridden it, and told all his friends to be on it; and when the winner's number went up his announcement of it was a regular shout of triumph. If he hadn't been solidly built he must have cracked under his own strain long ago. Even listening to him called for either a placid mind or a stout brisket.

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In Test Cricket Australia holds the record in partnerships for the second, fourth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth wickets; England for the first, third, fifth and 10th.

In Test Matches, Australia v. England, the highest totals are, —Australia 729 for 6 at Lords, 1930; England 903 for 7, at The Oval, 1938. Lowest tallies: Australia 36 at Birmingham 1902; England 45 at Sydney, 1886.

"The Bulletin," with accompanying sketch, wrote of Chief Writer Dudley Wilson as he was doing his last job of judging for the New Entry boxing at Flinders Naval Depot:

"A son of the A.J.C. handicapper, he joined the Navy in 1926, winning his first boxing championship that year, and ever since he has been in the sporting limelight. He still carries the earmarks of his boxing and wrestling days, which reached their peak when he was runner-up in N.S.W. heavyweight boxing and wrestling. In 1935 he was serving aboard H.M.A.S. Australia when she took the Duke of Gloucester home from his Melbourne centenary tour, and he not only won the inter-service heavyweight boxing championship of Great Britain but his swimming records for the 440 and 880 freestyle inter-service championships still stand. A great surfer, he was N.S.W. champion beltman, swimming for Bondi Life Saving Club. He was captain and coach of the Navy Rugby side when it won the Victorian premiership last year. He served for a time in the cruiser Sydney not long before her loss.

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Spotlight on the Whiner

Having surveyed the critic and the nark, we come now to the whiner. This fellow probably embodies all that was written caustically of the others and, possibly, arouses more hostility.

YOU MAY ANSWER the critic by silence and withdraw from the company of the nark. The whiner is an affliction that settles and sticks.

Everybody's wrong; everything's wrong; the country is going to the dogs; the other side would have won the elections with a different leader, just as Slocum would have won the Melbourne Cup with a different rider.

What's Biting?

What's biting this fellow? Either he was born that way or has been beaten to a deal—something on which he had set his heart. Even he may have been disappointed by a woman. He may fail to click in the ordinary

affairs of life. Certainly, he is a subject of self-pity. He sees the world of men as being joined in a conspiracy against his attaining all that he covets. Time aggravates, rather than heals, his obsession.

So it is that the whiner adds to the list of his imaginary foes as he goes on. He becomes more intolerant and aggressive. Not content with nurturing hatreds against individuals, he attempts to corrupt the minds of others and sunder friendships.

All whiners are not failures or fools. As we said, some are born whiners. There doesn't seem to be anything that may be done about it, short of euthanasia.

Bernborough's Pen Picture

BERNBOROUGH, as seen by "The Bulletin's" racing writer: Apart from his splendid record during his 15 successive wins—at w.f.a. he made everything he met look easy, and a grand handicapper, too—Bernborough had more natural character than any other horse present writer ever had the pleasure of seeing on a racecourse. He did not dominate his fields only in the events; he was the most striking there at any time. He was a noble and an impressive-looking animal, always outstanding. He was that without any advantage of showy colour—like say, Ajax or Peter Pan. Nor was it only his massive size; High Caste was massive enough. Bay-bodied, with black legs and abundant loose black tail and mane, the latest champion looked the king of horses. His head—broad and long-nosed and remarkably bony—was anything but classical, but, like the rest of him, there was strength in every inch of it.

To present writer Bernborough always suggested power rather than speed, in that resembling High Caste. Phar Lap, Peter Pan and Ajax all looked like racing machines, especially the first two. Phar Lap always gave the impression of bounding along on springs, and was so often bounding along out in front that comparison with Bernborough is out of the question. Bernborough was only once seen in that role; in a race at Randwick, where he was taken to the front about seven furlongs from home and kept there. Usually he did not seem to be galloping at all until three furlongs from the winning-post, and some of his times over that last bit of distance must have been freakish.

As for Bernborough's record, in his 15 successive wins he never carried less than 9.1, and he won handicaps with 9.13 (Newmarket), 10.5 (Ahern Memorial) and 10.11 (Doomben Cup). That is the record of a genuine champion.

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THE COMING OF THE CAR

An adverse opinion on the "Horseless Carriage," taken from "Tit-Bits", an English publication of 1896, and made available by courtesy of Arthur Martin, Gladsville, the article, quoted below, was titled: "Are Horses Doomed?"

At a time when the horseless carriage was a boom with influential supporters, and even had a publication of its own, it is interesting to recall that one of the earliest—if not actually the first—horseless carriage, was made for Sir George Salt, more than 50 years ago. It cost £2000 to make and carried eight or 10 passengers, the steersman sitting in front, while the engineer was stationed behind. Steam was the motive power.

After 10 p.m.

As the law was then, horseless carriages could be driven along the public roads after 10 o'clock at night and, accordingly, Mr.

Merryweather, the well-known builder of fire engines, to whom Sir George Salt subsequently gave the "Autocar," used frequently, with a party of friends, to take short night runs as far as Barnet, Croydon and other places just outside London. The speed they generally attained was about 10 m.p.h.

But Mr. Merryweather, from whom a "Tit-Bits" representative gathered the details given, has no faith in the future of the "autocar." He says that, even if the "Four - miles - an - hour - and - Red-flag" Act was done away with, there could be no scope for carriages without horses. They are clumsy to handle, awkward round corners, and utterly useless at climbing hills.

Taking a journey from end to end, a pair of horses could go, say, from London to Brighton in much less time than the best "autocar" that ever was constructed. It is a significant fact

that to pull a tramcar that one horse can draw, an engine of six horse-power has to be constructed.

No, says our informant, the only future before the "autocar" is that of any other amusing toy for adults.

Don Bradman, in all first-class cricket to end of 1945-6 season had scored 23,095 runs averaging 95.82 per innings. Test figures are: v. England 3840 (av. 91.42); v. South Africa 806 (201.50); v. West Indies 447 (74.50). In Sheffield Shield games he has scored 8634 (av. 112.12).

RACING FIXTURES

NOVEMBER.

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm), Saturday, 23rd
Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 30th

DECEMBER.

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm), Saturday, 7th
Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 14th
A.J.C. Saturday, 21st
A.J.C., Thursday, 26th (Boxing Day)
Tattersall's Saturday, 28th

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LOUIS MAYER'S WINNERS

What appears below was culled from an October issue of Sydney "Truth." It is of particular interest to Australians.

NEW YORK, Saturday.—California-bred horses smashed all previous records at the Hollywood Park summer meetings. The three leading sires are all British bred.

Beau Pere, the most-travelled stallion since Carbine, fathered 11 of Louis Mayer's winners.

Altogether, the 11 of his get accounted for 23 races.

Second on the sires' list was Mayer's Alibhai, with nine winners of eleven races; while Isenberg's imported Justice was third on the list, accounting for six winners of eleven races.

Just to prove she could more than hold her own against older horses, Honeymoon, a three-year-old, by Beau Pere, finished

second, only a neck behind Fred Astaire's Triplickate, in the Hollywood Gold Cup.

Mayer is fortunate in having Busher, Whirlabout, Be Faithful and Honeymoon as a classy quartet for eventual brood mares and colt-getters.

Beau Pere continues to lead the American sire list in point of two-year-olds' earnings. The stallion also leads the stakes winners among the juveniles.

California's leading racing authority, "The Thoroughbred," says America is lucky indeed to obtain Beau Pere from Australia, Blenheim II and Mahmoud from England, and Sir Gallahad III and Bull Dog from France.

New Starting Gate

Now another great sire is coming to the United States to California, in fact. He is Ortello, claimed to be the greatest horse ever produced in Italy.



Peace brings with it the Annual Pittwater Regatta. This is one of Sydney's beauty spots, 30 miles from Sydney G.P.O., where yachtsmen gather to test their skill and entertain lavishly.

SCREEN AND STAGE HIGHLIGHTS

WHY do Hollywood people write such unattractive and, often, unrelated titles to attractive pictures. Probably because they believe, as a general rule, to be mawkish is to catch the mob; then having got 'em to elevate 'em from the earthy to the elegant.

"Thrill of A Romance" was belied by its title. Melchoir was singing, for one thing. Similarly, "Two Sisters From Boston," might have meant anything, but, fortunately meant Melchoir and Kathryn Grayson in operatic numbers, with full orchestra, and with scenes mounted magnificently.

Hollywood's unimaginative title writers have much in common with those who name our racehorses.

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IT is stupid to challenge Hollywood on its own narrow ground. They will always make better cream puffs than we can make, so let them get on with it. Our business is to make the kind of film that Hollywood producers daren't make. We can, if we wish, give film goers of the world solid food instead of cheap confectionery.—J. B. Priestley.

CASE of interest to film critics has arisen between Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and the B.B.C., and as a result M.G.M. has received a writ for libel from Miss Arnot Robertson. She is the wife of H. E. Turner, well-known secretary of the Empire Press Union, but is a novelist and film critic in her own right (writes the London correspondent of "Newspaper News").

With many other critics on the B.B.C. rota, she has been slating some of the typical American products released here. M.G.M. took exception to her comment and wrote the B.B.C. protesting against her technique and requesting that she be no longer used, as they would refuse her admission to their private screenings.

Members of the Film Critics' Circle stand strongly in support

of their right to comment freely. Incident illustrates the difference between American and British libel laws. In American practice, no exception whatever would apparently be taken to M.G.M.'s action, but it is different in Britain.

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HISTORY in the form of old-time posters, looks down from the walls of the canteen in the Tivoli Theatre—history of the period of melodrama, mostly before the coming of motion pictures, when entrepreneurs advertised such "legitimate" productions as Robbery Under Arms and The Sentimental Bloke as "Not a Picture," underlining the Not as a precaution in terms of box office. The movie boys were not amused at the time . . . They laughed last (wrote a dairy Press Columnist). These posters were

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shown me by Reg Abrahams, who was employed as a time clerk when the Adelphi theatre as it was known originally, was being built. He is still employed on the house staff. On the bills are names remembered fondly, including those of Nellie Stewart, Ethel Buckley, George Cross, George Willoughby, Ada Reeve, and Bert Bailey. Plays billed include (dating from 1911): What Women Do For Love, A Girl's Temptation, The Girl Who Took the Wrong Turning, No Mother to Guide Her, The Woman Pays—all of which the fair among us wept over and the foul among us jeered "as the villain still pursued her."

SUDDENLY Australia has taken on for the big movie outfits the glitter of a newly discovered gold mine. There's a rush to be in on it, stimulated, chiefly, by the box-office success overseas of

"The Overlanders." Disregarding ballyhoo, this is not a great picture, as great pictures go, but it is unfamiliar overseas in subject and setting. Further, the people who set out to make "The Overlanders" determined to avoid half-measures and to spare nothing in finance and performance to achieve results. Generally, they succeeded, and the reward in box office, here and overseas, is largely responsible for the subsequent gold rush.

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THE Tivoli show, "Make it A Party," has the speed of the American-type revue, along with the raw quips of vaudeville, and a lot of colour, as well as several outstanding artists. They get away with the risque stuff, more or less, by passing on quickly to the next lines, so that, if you pause to analyse mentally the smutty bits, you find yourself left standing, as it were.

This is not commended here, but simply set out as an example of the modern technique. And whether you go to be amused or shocked is purely a matter of personal predilection.

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News that Englishman Joe Davis has announced his retirement from championship billiards and snooker comes as a shock to his many Australian friends and our club members whom he met during his stay with us in 1936.

It will be remembered how Joe used our match table for practice for his contests against Clark McConachy and Walter Lindrum.

There was never any doubt about Davis being a champion among champions and whilst Walter Lindrum always had "the wood" on him at billiards, so Davis was top of the heap at snooker.

He entered for his first title event in 1927 when he defeated T. A. Dennis for the world championship and, since that time has held the title against allcomers (in order): F. Lawrence, T. A. Dennis, C. McConachy, W. Smith, T. Newman, W. Smith, H. Lindrum, S. Smith, F. Davis and H. Lindrum. It says much for him that his snooker crown has never been seriously challenged. He is supreme among the multi-ball players.

Joe was also English billiards champion in 1928-29-30-32, and

when the United Kingdom championship was brought into being a year later he also annexed that and until 1939 held it firmly.

World War II put a stop to that title event and now that Peace has returned Davis has cried enough.

As a cueist he has had only one superior—Walter Lindrum—and as a showman he stood alone. Showmanship is intended to infer ability in entertain.

In 1930 he made a break of 2052 in the professional billiards championship and it was the highest break ever following the rule limiting direct cannons to 35.

GRAND SPORTSMAN —

Joe Davis was a grand sportsman and could take it "on the chin" when a joke or play went against him.

During conversation the day he arrived in Sydney, Joe told of how "nicely" he had been treated by Walter Lindrum four years earlier when, at Thurston's, London, Lindrum kept him in his seat for 2hrs. 55min. while he made the world record tally of 4,137. Joe described it as a "magnificent spectacle." That contest produced 55,288 points in two weeks' play.

In Jersey (Eng.) in 1938, Davis made a snooker break of 134 at his first visit to the table. His 100th century was made in 1939 but he has now well over 200 such breaks to his credit.

In 1938 he made new world figures with a run of 137 but topped that, 12 months later, by one point.

During the last war Davis created a "Penny Fund" for billiard players and by such means managed to present the British Red Cross with five fully equipped ambulances.

That effort was as distinct from his other activities which, with fellow professionals returned something over the half-million mark.

Although retiring from competition billiards and snooker it is hoped Davis will return to Australia to delight us with his deft cue. Members who were present the night he played Walter Lindrum in our club, will remember a grand break of 456.

That took place on the night of his arrival in Australia and after six weeks aboard ship.

You have to be a dyed-in-the-wool champion to do things like that.

His retirement leaves a void.

SHORTS

CLARRIE GRIMMETT, in first-class cricket, bowled 72,915 balls and secured 1,402 wickets costing 22.18 apiece. Test figures: v. England 106 wickets at 32.44; v. South Africa 77 (15.57); v. West Indies 33 (17.96); v. N.Z. 12 (16.58). Sheffield Shield figures: 522 (25.22).

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SOME claim: "It will be a long time before we see another Bernborough." Nobody can say that with any degree of certainty. These things are unpredictable. The really great horse is a freak. It just happens. How, nobody can tell. When, nobody may foretell.

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SPAM'S failure to fulfil his owner's expectations in the Melbourne Cup does not depreciate the class of the Irish horse. Some horses from overseas take longer to acclimatise than others do. With more time, Spam may live up to his record, and prove the goods as he looks the goods.

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Crime Goes to the Dogs!

Crime has gone to the dogs—and in a big way, wrote Hugh Laming from London to the "Sydney Morning Herald." In the course of his article he added:

THE GREYHOUND tracks are attracting the easy-money boys, the thin-lipped, padded shouldered youths who ape American gangsters in manners and methods, the young hooligans who have caused three riots on London tracks in as many weeks.

Fighting mobs egged on by these racetrack toughs have recently wrecked totalisators, killed greyhounds, injured innocent spectators, and used riots as cover for beating up bookmakers and raiding pay-out rooms.

London is ringed with greyhound tracks, open every night except Sunday. Over 50,000 fans nightly stake florins to fivers on the dogs—and usually lose.

Biggest Rake Off.

Who wins? The Tote and Entertainment Tax gets the biggest rake-off, the promoters a

generous share, the professional gambling rings clear a pretty packet, and the ordinary punter is lucky if he breaks even.

The greyhound owners do not rely on the stakes to recoup kennel costs, for a winner, except in championship events, rarely gets more than £30, barely enough to buy a couple of black-market bones for their dogs. Owners cover their costs by betting, they are wary of saying how much, but a recent prosecution showed that a London bricklayer owning a second-rate greyhound won for three months £20 a night on a cumulative stake of 10/-. Nice work if you can get it—and no income tax to pay!

Many dogs are owned by syndicates. Who owns the syndicates is, it appears, no punter's business. The tote doesn't care nor do the race promoters, who get their cut, anyway!

It's the mug who pays, of course, but the "wide boys" will argue, that's because he is a mug . . . "there's a sucker born every minute . . ."

It is not just small-time business or big-time chiselling, either. But Stock Exchange stuff, with bulls and bears playing the dogs to the tune of millions.

Shilling shares in the big London track companies are now worth 24/6 on the open market. The lowest price quoted for shilling shares in a minor suburban track is 12/6, while a recently-floated track company with 200,000 shilling shares initial capital was over-subscribed in less time than it takes a dog to cover the course. In two weeks, the share values of that particular track stock rose to 11/-.

First Test match of the 1946 series will be played in Brisbane, starting December 29. Only three Tests have been played in Brisbane and Australia lost them all.

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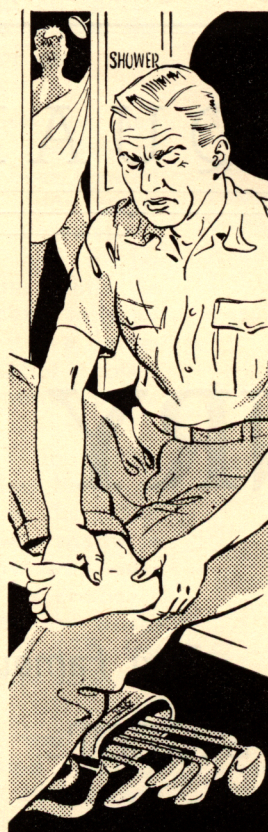
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BACK IN 1906, an American lad of 16 years named George J. Horine entered for the high jump at his school sports—and flopped. That was when the "scissors" or "straight-up-and-over" forms were in vogue. His initial effort just reached 4ft. 9in. and he finished a poor last in a field of six jumpers. Yet this same lad was destined to invent the famous "western roll" and, by it, leap to world fame.

Frank Herman tells the story in "The Olympian", official journal of the Olympic Club, San Francisco. Horine says:

"After tossing in the sponge, I found myself watching the high jumpers at a track meeting at Stanford University. That was two years later. I decided to try again, so set up some standards in my back yard, where after a few weeks of practice I cleared 5ft. 1in. with my old scissors form. This was an in-

crease of 4 inches in two years. Again I quit and turned a track fan.

Soon I knew all the records, specially the jumps, both standing and running. When I learned there were dozens of men able to make a standing broad jump, a pure test of leg spring, from 10 to 20 inches beyond my ability, I realised once and for all that I could never be a jumper and began to study high jumping.

Waste of Energy.

"Deciding there was a tremendous waste of energy by any jumper who carried his body upright over the bar, I began to experiment along other lines. Figuring that the centre of gravity was obviously many inches higher than necessary if something could be done about lowering the head, arms and shoulders and getting body parallel with the cross piece, it was my belief that a given spring should clear a greater height, or a given height should be cleared with less spring.

"I had plenty of 'less spring,' being too short, only 5 feet 11 inches, compared with most high jumpers who stood well over 6 feet. Again setting up my standards, by fall I managed to work out a completely new form, later to be known throughout the athletic world, both in America and in Europe, as 'the western roll.' "

One More Year.

"At the end of another year, during the Portola Festival in San Francisco in 1909, competing unattached, I took second place with a jump of 5 feet 9 inches. In 1910 I entered Stanford and introduced the 'western roll' for the first time into American college competition, winning my

Block 'S' against University of California, setting a new meet record of 6 feet 7-8 inches, later shattering the Pacific Coast record held by Channing Hall of U.C. by scaling 6 feet 2 3-8 inches. In 1911 the all-American collegiate record set in 1886 by Page, of Pennsylvania, was equalled at 6 feet 4 inches. In 1912 Sweeney's world record of 6 feet 5 5-8 inches, set seventeen years before, was eclipsed with a jump of 6 feet 6 1-8 inches.

"Wearing the colours of The Olympic Club, I had the extreme satisfaction of carrying the famous Winged O emblem over the bar in that same year to a height of 6 feet 7 inches, and until the year 1917, when I finally discarded my track suit and shoes, always competed for The Olympic Club, a period long to be remembered and cherished."

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However, the show is a departure from the long run of J.C.W. revivals, and, as a departure, was over-due.

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THE FIRE BRIGADES OF NEW WALES

GREVILLE, the English diarist, about 100 years ago wrote these lines:—

"Fire and people do in this agree,
They both good servants, both ill masters be."

The truth of this couplet is apparent: fire is a good servant but a terrible and destructive master.

In a climate such as our own the fire hazard is very real and it is necessary that, as far as possible, every person,



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every building and every acre of land should be protected from this all-consuming danger.

The first fire officially recorded in Sydney was dated 5th May, 1788, when Governor Phillip, on forsaking Botany Bay for Port Jackson, reported finding several blazing trees, evidently the work of incendiary aboriginals whose gunyahs were built nearby.

In 1801, Governor King issued an order to the effect that "the settlers and inhabitants throughout the Colony are cautioned to pull the grass up round the wheat to prevent accidents by fire. No person whatever is to carry a lighted stick or smoke a pipe near any wheat. Persons offending to be reported."

Incidentally, it may seem almost inconceivable, but it is nevertheless true that a man was executed here in August, 1829, for setting fire to a barn!

The year 1822 provided the first mention of a fire engine in Sydney. An exact description of this first engine has been lost in the mists of time, but it seems reasonably certain to assume that it comprised a comparatively small water-tight box carriage mounted on four small wheels and drawn by means of a drag handle.

On 18th January, 1822, the roof of the Barracks (presumably the old George Street Barracks) caught fire. The Sydney Gazette of the day, in referring to this fire, spoke of "the great benefits that are to be derived from the late supply of engines to this Colony by the Government". The engines in question were kept at the Barracks and operated by convicts under the direction of military officers.

In 1837, a party of police were appointed firemen, but as they were without an engine it is doubtful whether they ever functioned in their official capacity.

Then, also in 1837, the Australian Fire & Life Assurance Coy. formed a fire-fighting organisation. Thus public safety from the destruction of fire became the business of the insurance companies.

It is interesting to note that these early insurance companies affixed tin plates or tablets to the buildings insured by them, of which quite a number yet remain in Sydney, some on old time buildings whilst others are preserved in the Mitchell Library.

By 1840, one of these companies had enlarged its activities so that it carried two engines and stations and a brigade of twenty-two men. A ticket-of-leave men's brigade had also been organised about this period.

In 1844, the Municipal Council of Sydney formed a fire brigade which operated for some nine years or so and then, in 1851, three major insurance companies collaborated and formed a brigade which existed until 1884.

Andrew Tarning inaugurated the first of the volunteer fire-brigades—this in 1854—and although the population of Sydney approached 80,000 in those days, it was, like some of the smaller country towns today, mainly dependent upon volunteer firemen for the protection of lives and property.

To the credit of these early volunteer firemen it might be mentioned that it was one of their number, William Vial by name, who prevented the assassination in 1868 of His Royal Highness, Prince Alfred. Mr. Vial was suitably honoured and His Royal Highness became the patron of No. 1 Volunteer Fire Company, which thereafter was known as the Royal Alfred Volunteer Fire Company No. 1—a unique title indeed!

In the year 1865, a steam fire engine with its shining brass and glowing red woodwork with galloping horses dashed through the streets of Sydney to the delight or consternation of the colonists who considered its advent the height of modern progress.

Right from its foundation, Sydney fortunately has never been visited by a wholesale conflagration after the manner of London, Moscow, or Chicago, but there have been, nevertheless, many great and destructive fires. One of the earliest of these was the Royal Hotel and Theatre in 1840. Later, great conflagrations were Tooth & Co. 1853, the Garden Palace in the Botanic Gardens 1882 and Anthony Hordern's tragic fire in 1901.

Sydney's biggest and most dangerous blaze, however, occurred in 1890 when the "Moore Street Fire" broke out in Gibbs Shalard's premises in Moore Street, now Martin Place. Building after building fell victim to the roaring flames and, only by the most supreme effort of Sydney's firemen labouring with inadequate fire-fighting equipment, was the terrific blaze brought under control.

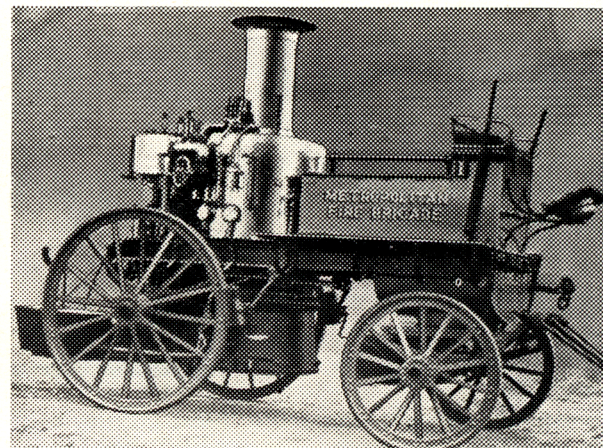
In 1904 a petrol motor chemical engine was first used at a fire in Sydney and in the following year came the first petrol driven pumping motor.

Then, in November, 1906, Superintendent Alfred Webb advanced the policy that the best results in fire protection in New South Wales could only be gained by uniformity of materials, uniformity of action, the power of concentration and one supreme authority.

That the Superintendent's policy ultimately was adopted and unified control for fire brigades came into operation in 1910 is something for which we should all be thankful; events since have proved the wisdom of Alfred Webb's words.

We, in this State, are well served by the vast organisation which is known as the Fire Brigades of New South Wales, whose highly-trained officers are on duty and on call every minute for the round of the clock. There are some hundreds of fire brigades, both country and metropolitan, to which are attached fire officers, permanent firemen, volunteer firemen and reserve firemen. Apart from the fire officers mentioned the valuable work of the volunteer bush fire brigades throughout the entire State should never be forgotten for it is they who give their time and energy and sometimes their lives to keep the land safe from the ravages of that terror of terrors—the bush fire.

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